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Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA and Emory University in Atlanta, GA will conduct Extended Teacher Institutes in Middle East Studies in 1981-1982 and 1982-1983, supported by a \$354,261 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (\$254,261 outright grant and \$50,000 matching challenge grant). The project, which is co-directed by Dr. Jerome B. Weiner of Old Dominion and Dr. Kenneth W. Stein of Emory, was conceived and planned by members of the Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Seminar (SER-MEISS). It also involves officials from the state education departments of Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. It will be the largest such project ever undertaken in Middle East studies.

The purpose of the project is to begin a process of improving instruction about the Middle East in secondary schools in the Southeast by training 150 teachers in Middle East studies and helping them design curriculum units for use in their classes. This will be accomplished at five-week summer institutes at Old Dominion in June-July, 1981 and at Emory in June-July, 1982. In addition, there will be extensive follow-up activities during the school year following each summer program.

For further information about this Teacher Institute, contact either: Dr. Jerome B. Weiner, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA 23508; or Dr. Kenneth W. Stein, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322.

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